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Just because we loved him doesn't mean we can't love his stuff

The Double Standard

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Double Standard Editor Dies in So-Called "Tragic" Paddling Incident

Martinsburg, WV- Today, the *Double Standard* mourns its first loss of a staff member, marking its passage into adulthood and yet one more milestone we've passed that the *Augur Bit* hasn't. Eric Orenstein, friend of few and beloved by his dog, never returned from his kayaking race this weekend in West Virginia.

As per Eric's wishes, this edition of the *Double Standard* will be completely devoid of wit, humor, and readers.

Mr.. Orenstein died during a paddling race on Sunday. He had a first place time when he entered a section of the river conveniently named "Eric's End" before reaching the "Death of a GDS Senior" rapid.

While skeptics say that it is too early to confirm the rumors of Eric's death, we believe it is time to let the healing begin. This long process of closure can only begin with the splitting of the fallen comrade's worldly possessions. Dash has laid claim to various speaker systems, cars, and laptop, whilst Ben received the proverbial 'shaft'.

"At least he died doing what he loved; paddling with a couple hundred guys in the woods."

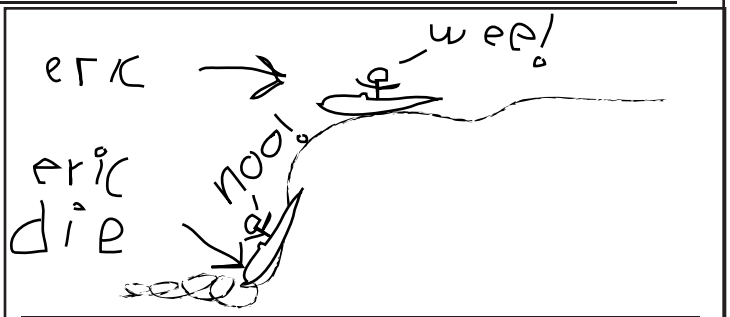
noted fellow editor and in-school 'friend' ("Really more of an acquaintance, I guess") Ben Garwin. "He also enjoyed kayaking and lapidary." One paddler said, "This was too extreme for Orenstein."

A surprising number of teachers had the same exact response to Eric's death, "Now who will come to my class late every morning?"

Zack Beauchamp delivered his eulogy early Monday morning to a small crowd beside the Eric Orenstein Memorial Water Fountain on the first floor, "One doesn't have to look far beyond Eric's robust sense of shame and coin fetish to realize he was a boy who really liked the feel of cold metal and insecurity." Indeed, we will all miss Eric 'Rub me with nickels' Orenstein, probably more than is healthy.

Eric is survived by his two common-law husbands, two children, and talking parrot.. "Bwak, Eric was a great friend," said his eldest son.

Mr. Orenstein had planned on attending the University of Your Mom according to his grieving mother, whom otherwise could not be reached for comment.



Eric Orenstein mere seconds before his fatal plunge into a West Virginia river. (Photo courtesy of the Associated Press of Kindergartners)

"There's so much to say about Eric, and so little of it is any good", said Max "Mockstein." "He really is up the creek without a paddle."

"I feel like Eric would be a little disappointed because this is such a rush job," said Dash Delan, "But I guess it doesn't matter... you know- because he's dead."

Though no longer living, Eric Orenstein is sure to haunt the school this year and for many years to come

Eric could often be found on saturday nights waling the streets of Georgetown wearing women's clothing (Editors Note: We're not joking). "He asked me what's my pleasure, I asked him what's his price. He said for 20 I'll be good, for 50 I'll be real nice," said the Pietasters... about Eric.

Said to be walking the streets of Budapest now, Eric has been described as an undead "menace 2 society," by many in whatever country Budapest is in.

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What do we miss most about Eric Orenstein?

4% Commitment to staying the course

3% Luscious lox, cream cheese, and bagel

84% He died? That guy owed me money!

20% His brand new life insurance policy

2%

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